

Minutes  
Durham County Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Monday, February 16, 2004

Present: Elsa Woods, Chair; Ann Craver, Vice Chair; Bessie Carrington, Rich DeGiacomo, Jon Miller, Bob Otterbourg, Lauren Singdahlsen, Wanda Wagstaff, Board Members; Philip Cherry, Director of the Durham County Library; Priscilla Lewis, Head of Branch Services; Jan Seabock, Collection Development Unit Manager; Joe Bowser, Board of County Commissioners liaison to the Board.

Absent: Lionell Parker, Board Member.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

The Board affirmed ground rules developed at the January retreat, with two small changes.

The Minutes of the December 29, 2003 and January 28, 2004 meetings were unanimously approved.

Communications

Philip Cherry reported on the library's film festival and shared letters from patrons. He also shared a memo from Susan Wright regarding the successes of the Durham County Library's expanding hispanic services.

New Business

Priscilla Lewis presented the Board with an update on the status of the regional library plan. She described the process of working with the architects to develop a business plan and a branch prototype. Philip Cherry brought the Board up to date on the process of land acquisition for the new regional libraries. Discussion followed as to why no land had been purchased to date.

Committee Reports

-Policy Committee: Lauren Singdahlsen shared Jana Alexander's outline of the Durham Library Foundation's Naming Opportunities Guidelines, which the board endorsed. Ann Craver and Jan Seabock summarized and the board approved recommended changes to the Resource Selection Policy.

-Facilities Committee: Bob Otterbourg reported that although the committee plans to collect updated demographic data, they recommend that for now we continue to support the 1998 standards for the location of regional facilities. The committee also recommended that we send a letter to the BOCC expressing our concerns about land acquisition. The Board approved, and Elsa Woods agreed to draft the letter.

External Reports

-Friends of the Library: Elsa Woods reported that the Friends will be having their annual meeting on Sunday, February 29, at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Singdahlsen  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees